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As we sit here writing this letter it is snowing to beat the band...first good dumping this year. Yes, our weather has gotten a little goofy the past few years. Opening on March 30 last year was an anomaly we didn't think could ever happen but who knows what will happen this year. Maybe another early one? Our season over the years has averaged about 200 days. The golf season of 2012 was well over that...at least 220 days. And we have not raised the price at all!! You get a longer season for the same price. That's a win win for everyone.

After 20 years of using the same handicap computer system and tournament scoring programs we have decided it's time to upgrade to newer models. The melt down of the programs last fall during mens closing day was the push we needed to start thinking about something different. So we got in touch with the GAO and they directed us to the right place. Our handicap data base was sent to a company called GolfNet21 and they converted our database to something the program can read and sent it back to us about mid December and installed it on our computer in the pro shop. It really is pretty easy to use and from what we are told you can also enter your scores from any computer. Now having said that I am still not completely sure how that works. But hopefully get that figured out before we get open for another season. I have been in touch with 2 tournament scoring software companies and am just deciding the best one to go with. With all this new technology it will be a learning curve for everyone. But I do hope we don't see anymore melt downs like we had last fall.

We are pleased to say that the Double D's will be back in the kitchen again this summer. That's Dave and Delaine for those who don't know who the Double D's are....lol. We all thought it was so nice to see some freshly made food and fresh produce too.

Pine Crest has a Facebook page as well as a Twitter account. If anyone has any interesting stories, cute cartoons or funny pictures you think would be good for our page please send them to us. Use pinecrest@nexicom.net for this. If you have not put your "like" on our Facebook page please do so right away. Just make sure you get the right page...there are some imposters out there. You need to see a picture of the sun coming up on the 18th hole as the opening picture...that is our official site. For Twitter, you can follow us at pinecrestgolf. Have not done much on twitter as we don't

have too many followers yet. Gotta have followers before its worth tweeting anything.

It's a "no/show" thing. We have to mention this nagging little issue once again. If you can make a tee time can you not cancel a tee time? And there are some groups that constantly book only one time and end up having 5-9 players. Most times this is not a problem but it seems to occur more often than not on a busy Friday. And then we have the other end of the spectrum where groups book more than one time and only 3 show up or worst of all....no one shows up!! As the golf climate cools somewhat we would like to be able to offer times to those who call at late notice and if we knew your group was not coming or you were down a group please let us know so we can do our best to keep all our customers happy. Yes, we know we will go crazy if we try to please everyone but we have to try. We would like your help in doing so.

As more and more members are using the new 3 wheel carts we realize how awkward getting those things in and out of your vehicles are so we are going to allow the storage building to open when the golf course does. There will be no attendant and no cleaning until Monday April 29 but at least you will not have to struggle with your carts at this time. We will do the same in the fall. The cleaning will end on Oct 13 but you will be allowed to leave your clubs until October 27.

What are your thoughts on our calendars that we hand out every fall. You know the ones with the little pockets in them for you to put important papers in? Do you think with the advent of all the smart devices that these are still a needed thing? We have been handing these out for well over 40 years now and just wonder if the need is still there. Let us know.

We will be adding a pond beside the 1st green where the big maple tree was. The fill from this pond will be used to lengthen the 11th tee to make the hole a little longer from the blue tees. This pond is going to affect some of the big hitters from the 1st tee. You've been warned!!

You may also have heard that we are doing a bit of an upgrade to the restaurant over the winter. Thought it was time to give it somewhat of a little makeover. We hope you like it.

Now a word from John Kindred, Our Pro

As we go through the cold, winter months, we start to dream about how amazing our golf game will be in the coming year. We envision how our golf game will go to the next level, where we will only have straight drives and accurate approach shots, resulting in more birdies and more pars.

The Golf Clinics has been very successful in the past years and I will again offer them this year. The Clinics are for the first 12 people to sign up in the Pro Shop.

Mondays at 5PM is for the Business Girls who would like a short tune up prior to their Monday Night League. \$5 per person.

Monday and Thursday night will be for Men and Women and they will start at 6PM. Cost for this Clinic is \$15 per night per person.

Junior Clinics are Saturday morning at 9AM and only cost \$5.

I will also continue the Saturday morning Clinic for members and friends at 10:30.

I would also like to try to organize a few Sunday afternoon clinics. This type of clinic would last a couple of hours and would include a light lunch and a drink or two. Let me know if you think this would be something you would like to have.

All Clinics include the use of the practice facilities and range balls. Private Lessons are also available and these can be booked with the Pro Shop Staff any time. Just a reminder that the Pro Shop Staff can assist you with those new grips that need to be installed. In most cases, same day service can be provided!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members and their guests for continuing support of myself and the Club. I look forward to seeing you all again in the spring, so until then, stay warm and be well!!!

John Kindred

We are adding a new tournament this year. A Member Guest on Saturday August 24. It's open to the first 40 members and 40 guests that sign up. Cost will be \$20 per golfer. The starting time will largely depend on getting a full field. Some of the finer details for this have not been worked out yet so watch for updates this coming summer.

Some Dates you may want to note:

Club Storage opens on April 29. Closes Oct 13.

Mens Opening Day is May 4

Ladies Opening Day is May 5

Pots of Gold are on May 12, June 2, July 7, Aug 18 & September 15.

Lefty/Righty is May 18

Club Championships are June 22 & 23 and July 20 & 21

Ladies 2Person Net Best Ball on June 1.

Ladies Wine Scramble on July 13

Mixed Two Ball on August 10

Mixed Events are on May 26 and September 8

Ladies Closing on Sept 28

Tombstone on Oct 14

Mens Closing Day is Oct 5.

31st Wes Dixon on June 15&16.

The good Lord willing and the creek don't rise we will see you all again in the spring. Enjoy the rest of the winter.

As usual the pro shop will open on April 1 from 1-6 for membership payments and if the course opens earlier then so will the shop.

Bob and Jan